

hearing of the petition of Attorney Arthur Brown, who asks that he be allowed the sum of \$1,000, as counsel fees, for services rendered the late receiver of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints during his term of office. The petitioner filed his claim in the supreme court some six months ago, and the court referred the matter to Mr. Bache to take evidence and report. The inquiry lasted about an hour. Mr. Brown conducted his own case; the United States was represented by District Attorney Judd, and Attorney F. S. Richards appeared in behalf of ex-Receiver Lawrence. The witnesses who testified were Attorney P. L. Williams, whom Mr. Brown specially assisted while the former was acting as counsel for the ex-receiver, the petitioner himself, District Attorney Judd, and Mr. Bache as clerk of the Territorial Supreme court. Both Mr. Williams and the district attorney testified that the special services rendered by Mr. Brown were beyond question worth the \$1,000, and the petitioner himself proved that he was occupied, on and off, for a period of about fifteen months.

Clerk Bache will present his report to the Supreme court at the opening of the session next Monday.

Elders Thomas W. Sloan and George S. McAllister returned home yesterday (Sunday) afternoon, from Tennessee, where they have been laboring as missionaries for the past twenty-five months. Elder Sloan's field was in East Tennessee, having been appointed to preside over that conference. Elder McAllister traveled in Middle Tennessee. They each enjoyed good health during their absence from home, and express themselves as much pleased with, and grateful for their experiences among the hospitable people of that state. They made numerous friends among all classes, were successful in convincing many of the truth of the Gospel, as proclaimed by the Latter-day Saints, and are thankful to be able to report that some of the converts had the courage to become members of the Church.

Needless to say, the young men rejoice in being honorably released, and receiving the blessing of their President for their faithful services, and that they can now renew the pleasures of association with family and friends. The News welcomes them home.

The January term of the Territorial Supreme court opened Monday at 1:15, all the judges being present, viz.: Chief Justice Merritt, and Associate Justices Bartch, Smith and King. The bar was, as usual, well represented. Clerk Bache began by reading the minutes of the former session, which were approved and signed.

At the last session of the Supreme Court authority was given the new receiver of the late corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Coln. Winder) to expend the sum of \$1,000 in repairs to the Garuo House. It was stated, however that the work, which was considerably more than had been anticipated, had cost \$2,295.25 in excess of that amount, and this was so stated in a report from the receiver now submitted, with vouchers, by Hon. F. S. Richards, who asked the Court to approve the expenditure.

District Attorney Judd, while not

consenting, inasmuch as the Court had previously fixed the sum to be expended, did not oppose the motion. He remarked, however, that the responsibility rested with the Court.

The matter was referred to Clerk Bache to examine the vouchers, etc., and report to the court.

The hearing of the petition of Attorney Arthur Brown (on the report of Referee Bache, filed today), asking for \$1,000 compensation for services rendered the late receiver of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was set for the 18th inst.

The news has reached this city by wire from Thompson's Springs via Moab, Grand county, of a terrific explosion in the Gold Queen mine in the Blue mountains.

Lon Morton and Joseph McGallard were engaged in developing the mine and had fired a shot in a shaft below them. Unfortunately without arousing their suspicion only a part of the charge exploded as desired and intended. They descended into the shaft just as the remaining half of the shot "went off." McGallard's head and face were lacerated and bruised and one of his legs frightfully cut. Morton fared much worse, sustaining a loss of both hands, his eyes and other serious injuries.

This was nearly ten miles from Monticello and several miles from any human help. But weak and bleeding from his wounds McGallard bravely succeeded in getting his comrade down to a saw mill, a distance of three miles where he converted a cabin into a sheet of flames to attract the attention of the citizens of Verdure who responded to the fiery signal for assistance. The doctor who was summoned would be compelled to ride horseback over a rough country for nearly 100 miles and he in all probability did not reach the injured men until today. The chances for the recovery of Morton seems slight. He was one of the original owners of the mine and Messrs. J. R. Hickman and Frank D. Kimball, of this city, were his partners and backers. They are greatly grieved at the lamentable accident and have ordered a physician and surgeon by wire from Grand Junction to wait upon the suffering men.

The News has received a copy of bulletin No. 37 of the Utah Experiment station. It treats on "Fruits and Fruit Trees; Ornamental, Forest and Shade Trees." Experiments with different varieties of strawberries, grapes, peaches, apricots, cherries, plums, pears, apples. It also contains a short chapter on "Orchard culture," and one on ornamental, forest and shade trees. The bulletin is summed up as follows:

1. Parker Earle, Sharpless and Thompson's No. 7, are recommended as promising strawberries.

2. The following varieties of grapes are recommended for trial: Concord, Delaware, Early Victor, and Massasoit, the Early Victor being especially recommended for places subject to early freezes.

3. Only the peaches generally classed as early or mid-season should be planted in Cache county and localities with a similar climate.

4. Russian apricots are specially recommended where the larger kinds

will not thrive on account of severe winters.

5. Sour cherries, such as Mt. Large and Early Richmond, should be planted where the sweet cherry does not thrive.

6. Sowing lucern, timothy or clover in a young orchard should be discouraged.

7. Poplar trees are shown to be the most promising for general forestry purposes.

8. The growing of some of the hardwood trees, such as black and white walnuts and ash, can probably be made profitable.

This bulletin should be studied by the horticulturists of the Territory.

Among the letters received at the Governor's office Monday was one from the noted Benjamin F. Hunter, of Washington, D. C. On the outside of the envelope was stamped in bold letters with red ink: "Message from Diety," together with the words, "Delay Not." Inside was a very elaborately printed letter head, containing numerous quotations from the Scriptures. To the left was stamped in red ink, similar to the one on the envelope, "The judgment of Diety without doubt." To the right was similarly stamped: "The days of grace have passed. No mercy here for you."

The letter to the Governor, which was written in a bold hand, ran as follows:

RESIDENCE OF BENJAMIN F. HUNTER,  
WASHINGTON D. C., Jan. 9, 1895.

To the Governor of Utah Territory:

Thus says the Lord, It would have been better for the people of your Territory that they had never been born, for their dooms are fixed, and their damnations are sealed. Come down, proud rulers, and lie in the dust, for the axe is now lying at the root of the tree. Amen.

BENJAMIN F. HUNTER.

This is simply one of the numerous letters of the same character which Mr. Hunter has sent out, some of which have been referred to in these columns.

As the Governor is now in Washington, the letter will be forwarded to him, so that he may give the matter his personal attention if he so desires.

Another letter received Monday was from the Cotton States and International Exposition company, extending an invitation for the Territory to take part in the International Exposition, to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, in the fall of the present year.

Also an invitation from Mrs. Emma Thompson, president of the woman managers of the same company to appoint eight lady commissioners from this Territory to attend the Exposition at Atlanta.

Charles R. Bennett, ex-secretary of the Society for the Suppression of Vice at San Francisco, who earned considerable notoriety through his persecutions of Miss Ella Gray, has been found guilty by a jury in the superior court of Alameda county on the charge of assaulting with a deadly weapon George Gray, the young lady's father. In finding this verdict the jury showed some leniency, for in the information Bennett was charged with an assault to commit murder. Sentence was set for today (Monday).